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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN UN

1. ASST SECY HABIB CALLED IN JAPANESE MINISTER NISHIDA OCT 9 TO URGE FURTHER GOJ EFFORTS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. (AMB. YASUKAWA IS TRAVELING WITH EMPEROR'S PARTY.)

2. HABIB NOTED THAT WE SEEM TO HAVE MAJORITY ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION; PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS TO DEFEAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION. MORE VIGOROUS LOBBYING EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE
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MOUNTED TO SECURE DEFEAT OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, AND US

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CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL ALONE, JAPANESE INFLUENCE MUST BE BROUGHT TO BEAR FULLY.

3. WHILE NOTING THAT NEW YORK REMAINS CHIEF LOCUS OF US-GOJ COORDINATION ON THIS ISSUE, WHERE LOBBYING TARGETS MUST BE IDENTIFIED, HABIB STATED THAT IT OBVIOUS FROM HERE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS NEED FURTHER ATTENTION. THERE HAVE BEEN DISTURBING INDICATIONS THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE INCREASINGLY INCLINED TO ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST. ABSTENTIONS ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH AND JAPAN, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE IN ASEAN COUNTRIES, SHOULD JOIN US IN CONCERTED EFFORT TO MOVE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS FIRMLY INTO "NO" COLUMN. WE HOPE THAT WE HAVE DISSUADED ASEAN GOVERNMENTS FROM GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR PROJECTED "COMPROMISE" RESOLUTION. HABIB SAID THAT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THESE LINES WOULD SOON BE DIS-PATCHED TO OUR OWN AMBASSADORS IN ASEAN COUNTRIES.

4. NISHIDA NOTED THAT AUSTRALIA ALSO APPEARS TO BE WAFFLING AND HABIB AGREED THAT GOA SHOULD ALSO BE OBJECT OF CONTINUING ATTENTION. WITH RESPECT TO BURMA, WHERE GOJ HAS AT LEAST AS MUCH PERSUASIVE POWER AS WE, IDEA IS TO CONVINCE GUB TO MAINTAIN ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY OF ABSTENTION RATHER THAN VOTING FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

5. HABIB REITERATED THAT OTHER LOBBYING TARGETS WOULD NO DOUBT BE IDENTIFIED BY OUR UN MISSIONS, BUT THAT BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS NEEDED TO PROCEED ENERGETICALLY IN ASIA VIS-A-VIS ASEAN COUNTRIES, BURMA AND AUSTRALIA.

6. AN IMPORTANT POINT TO BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION, HABIB EMPHASIZED, IS THAT IT IS CLEARLY DIRECTED AT UNITED STATES RATHER THAN SIMPLY ROK. WE ARE ASKING GOVERNMENTS TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CALL FOR REMOVAL OF US FORCES FROM KOREA, AND BY EXTENSION COULD LEAD TO MAJOR DEROGATION OF OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN STABILIZING INFLUENCE IN NORTHEAST ASIA. NISHIDA PROMISED TO CONVEY HABIB'S COMMENTS TO TOKYO.

7. ON OTHER ASPECTS OF KOREAN ITEM, HABIB EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE LOBBYING TO MAINTAIN OUR ADVANTAGE ON QUESTION OF PRIORITY. ASKED WHETHER EITHER SOVIETS OR PRC HAD RESPONDED CONSTRUCTIVELY IN ANY WAY TO SECY'S SEPT 22 PROPOSALS ON KOREA, HABIB SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT, AND THAT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY POSITIVE RESPONSE PRIOR TO VOTES ON KOREA ITEM. ONLY WHEN HOSTILE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN DEFEATED ARE FRIENDS OF NORTH KOREA EVEN LIKELY TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES.

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8. CHARGE SHOULD AGAIN REITERATE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, PREFERABLY AT VICE MINISTER LEVEL, POINTS CONTAINED FOREGOING AND SUCH OTHER PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE GROWING URGENCY OF THIS MATTER AND NEED FOR EARLY AND EFFECTIVE ACTION. KISSINGER

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